



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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At its meeting held July 25, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

“The \$98 million Child Welfare Improvement Fund established by the State represents a significant Statewide investment to improve outcomes for children in foster care. The guidelines as dictated by the State are broad in scope, but allow for local priorities to be identified for funding. I have great hope that these dollars will be put to great use in helping the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) continue to fulfill their dual mission of safety and permanency, by decreasing time in out-to-home placement, reducing caseloads, providing for additional mental health services, developing prevention strategies and enhancing permanency programs for older foster kids. I also believe that this funding could be leveraged to assist us in meeting our County’s goal to make mentoring services available to all youth in foster care by 2010, by clearly linking mentoring to achieving the DCFS’s broader outcome goals, specifically: increased child safety, more timely exits to permanency, as well as improved child well-being.

“The Interagency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (ICAN) Taskforce on Mentoring recently submitted their report to the Board, in which they identify this new funding as a viable resource to support mentoring efforts in Los Angeles County.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried, the Director of Children and Family Services was instructed, in consultation with the Interagency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect, to report back to the Board within 45 days on how the \$98 million Child Welfare Improvement Fund established by the State to improve outcomes for children in foster care, can be leveraged to further mentoring efforts for the County's youth in foster care.

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Child Abuse and Neglect